

To All,

Along with stolen government license plates, stolen government vehicles are now starting to pop up in the reports I receive. Statistics show that auto thefts occur every 23 seconds. Below are some helpful hints in securing government vehicles and some actual incidents that have occurred recently:

HINTS ON SECURING GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

- a. You should remove keys from the ignition when the vehicle is parked and unattended, which means you shouldn't try to hide them in the vehicle.
- b. You should secure vehicle keys in a locked repository with limited access when the duty day ends.
- c. You should park government vehicles in a secure fenced location with adequate lighting when possible at the end of the duty day.
- d. You should not loan your key-ring to others.
- e. You should immediately report lost/stolen keys to the key custodian. All unaccounted keys should be decommissioned and new keys/locks issued.
- f. You should ensure parked vehicles are on the guard's security checklist.
- g. You should lock all doors and roll up all windows when the vehicle is parked. This is hard to do in warmer climates, but it does add to the security of the vehicle.
- h. If you are assigned a vehicle, you should not loan the vehicle to others without authorization for a specific official mission requirement.
- i. For short stops when you depart the vehicle, you should turn off the engine and secure the doors and windows when the vehicle is unattended.
- j. When practical, you should attempt to park the government vehicle in a parking lot/garage instead of along a street curb when conducting business.

k. For carjacking purposes, you should drive with your doors locked and windows rolled up. And always leave enough space between you and the car in front so that you are able to maneuver your vehicle out of harms way when necessary. If you are carjacked, do not argue, just get out of the vehicle and immediately report the incident to the police.

l. You shouldn't leave valuables in plain sight such as laptops, etc.

m. If you park in a garage/lot you should only leave the vehicle key, not a key-ring with the attendant if necessary.

n. You shouldn't leave the government credit card in the vehicle when unattended.

o. You should ensure the key-ring does not have a name or address printed on the ring.

p. You should ensure your vehicle is well maintained with plenty of gas to complete your travel.

q. When stopped, you should always be very aware of your surroundings before getting in or out of the vehicle.

1. INCIDENT: Theft of Government Vehicle - CASE CONTROL #:

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: April 01, 2004@1236

BUILDING NAME: Cedar Hills 1

ADDRESS: 2222 Gallows Road

CITY/STATE: Dunn Loring, Va

SUMMARY: At 1236 hrs, Melissa Manton a fleet manager for the Department Of State notified Suitland Mega Center of a government vehicle stolen from 2222 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring, Va. The green 2002 Ford Crown Victoria Virginia tag YBB-6692 was last seen March 31,2004@1630 hrs. in the parking lot. FPS/DHS Officer Wilbert Duckett F-624 investigating. Fairfax County Police department investigating.

2. Crime/Incident: Stolen Government vehicle and Credit card
Case Control Number: Not Yet Issued

Date/Time of Incident: 01 April 2004 @ 0730 hours CST reported to
Fleet Management
Building Name: VA Hospital
Address: 4801 Linwood Blvd
City/State: Kansas City, MO. 64128

Summary:

FPO Penny Nelson advised the MegaCenter at 1310 hours of a stolen Government vehicle, described as a four door 1999 Plymouth Breeze light Brown in color (VIN number 1P3EJ46X5XN645982, valued at \$3873.40). In the vehicle glove compartment was a Government Credit Card (number xxxxx-xxxx-08491-x). The card is from Citi-Bank. No further information at this time will up-date when available.

3. Somalia National Arrested

On April 2, San Antonio, TX CBP/BPAs arrested a Somali National after he was detained by San Antonio P.D. for trespassing at the Alamo Dome. Investigation could not reveal the subject's true identity or his immigration status. He claimed to have entered the United States sometime in 1999 with a passport and visa. Record checks could not verify this claim and he was placed in removal proceedings under John Doe TOT to ICE/DNR. SR 15157

4. Suspicious Items Detected in Checked Baggage

On April 2, Detroit, MI Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) team responded to a checked bag alarm and evacuated the baggage area. EOD conducted the bag search finding four 8-inch diameter plastic bags containing a substance with a density similar to explosives. One bag also contained an alarm clock. It was determined the contents were not explosive. The bags belong to Yemeni national XXXXXX XXXX (DOB: xxxxxxxx). XXXX posses U.S. passport number xxxxxxxxx, but it is not listed as an issued passport. XXXX is being questioning by FBI and TSA Regulatory. Investigation continues.